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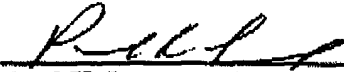
The present Communication is submitted in order to clarify the record regarding the pending claims. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on behalf of Applicants on August 21, 2003 in which new claims 28-37 were added. Claims 28-31, *inter alia*, were already pending at that time. Thus, new claims 28-37 should have been numbered as new claims 32-41. An Office Action dated August 25, 2003 was received by Applicants that did not take into consideration the new claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment due to the timing of the filing of the Preliminary Amendment. An Amendment And Request For Reconsideration was filed on November 25, 2003 in response to the Office Action, in which Applicants added new claims 32-40. The claims were numbered 32-40 because the new claims filed in the previous Preliminary Amendment were not taken into consideration in the Office Action. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-15, 20-24, and 26-40, as recited in the Amendment And Request For Reconsideration filed November 25, 2003 are the appropriate pending claims. Applicants, thus, request that the Examiner attend to examining these claims.

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Applicants believe the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6914 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

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